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MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of time for four (4) month(s) to October 24, 2003 for filing an Appeal Brief in connection with the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 The fee has been calculated as shown below:
- NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$1480.00 for an extension of four (4) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.
- An extension of () month(s) for filing a reply was previously petitioned and paid for on . Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for obtaining an additional () month(s) for filing a reply.
- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of 822448 89544773 \$1,480.00.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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